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Read Job 34:10-12, 18-20. What do you think he's teaching here?

Read Job 35:4-8, 36:26-32. What do you think his point is here?

How would you summarize what Elihu has been saying?

There's one additional thing Elihu says that's worth talking about. Read Job 36:15-16. What does it mean that God delivers sufferers **IN** their suffering?

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Just like in Job 19, Elihu's speech also contains a reference to Jesus. Read Job 33:21-27, again. The one-in-a-thousand being sent from the Father who ransoms us from death is none other than Jesus himself. What is that saying to you today?

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